(b) A total of 5962 persons have been provided employment till 31st March, 2004. No case of employment of eligible displaced persons/ families as per Rehabilitation & Resettlement policy of Coal India Ltd is pending.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part 'b'.

Vacant posts in BSNL and MTNL

†1637. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of various categories lying vacant in different circles of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. as on 31st July, 2004;

(b) since when these posts are lying vacant and the details of the action taken by Government to fill the same; and

(c) by when, all these vacant posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Teledensity in the country

†1638. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the existing rate of teledensity in the telecommunication sector in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the details of share of BSNL's telecommunication services provided in urban and rural areas of the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of teledensity and share of BSNL telephone connections in urban and rural areas of the country as on 30.6.2004 are given in the enclosed Statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wsie details of teledensity and sham of BSNL telephone connections in Urban and Rural areas as on 30.06.2004.

SI. No.	State	Teledensity (BSNL/MTNL+ Private Operators)	Telephone Connections C Landline+WLL+Cellular)		
			Rural BSNL	Urban	
				BSNL	Others (MTNL+Pvt. Operators)
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	11.76	21366	23679	0*
2.	Andhra Pradesh	8.20	1349749	2460061	2651571
3.	Assam	2.25	138206	426700	67175
4.	Bihar	1.75	396754	724994	441604
5.	Chhattisgarh	1.64	83268	276133	0*
6.	Gujarat	10.63	853238	2382426	2530127
7.	Haryana	8.76	393918	955692	642376
8.	Himachal Pradesh	10.87	317600	250081	126159
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	3.11	52268	287595	0
10.	Jharkhand	2.02	99132	479015	0*
11.	Karnataka	10.03	868628	2231581	2452027
12.	Kerala	15.76	2135199	1581440	1452488
13.	Madhya Pradesh	4.25	333261	1159833	1252942
14.	Maharashtra	8.43	1362840	3157362	2780261
15.	North East	3.16	105365	288199	12012
16.	Orissa	3.10	312255	662875	215465
17.	Punjab	18.59	820993	1502012	2633993
18.	Rajasthan	4.87	628014	1478503	861473
19.	Tamil Nadu	9.12	816461	2453436	2059212
20.	Uttaranchal	5.40	99706	383174	0*
21.	Uttar Pradesh	3.21	676107	3073955	1970974
22.	West Bengal	2.29	583387	837958	200652
23.	Kolkata	20.51	0	1489582	1375859
24.	Chennai	40.60	0	1201041	1546436
25.	Delhi	43.74	#	#	6763792
26.	Mumbai	38.16	#	#	6765324
	TOTAL :	7.49	12447715	29767327	38801922

*Telephone connections provided by others in Andaman and Nicobar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal are reported as in West Bengal,Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh respectively.

#MTNL is operating in Delhi and Mumbai.